

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 24-29 are pending in the application. Claim 23 is withdrawn per the Office Action mailed November 9, 2005. Claims 1-5, 8-10 and 24-29 are rejected. Claims 6 and 11 are objected to. Claims 6 and 11 are canceled. Claims 1 and 10 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5, 7-10 and 24-29 is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Responses to Rejections to Claims – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 24-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Perrin et al (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0161924) in view of Crowford (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0180612). This rejection is not applicable to the amended claims.

Independent claims 1 and 10 are amended to include the recitations, respectively, of claims 6 and 11 which are indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 1 and 10 are submitted to be allowable.

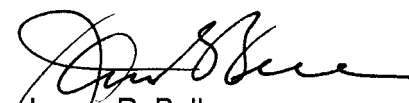
In view of the foregoing, independent claims 1 and 10 and their respective dependent claims are submitted to be allowable.

Therefore, the allowance of claims 1-5, 7-10 and 24-29 is respectfully requested.

The amended claims are supported by the original application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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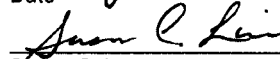
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